(b) and (c) The training in Hindi and Stenography is a continuous process and every possible effort is made to train all the officials at the earliest opportunity. However, due to new recruitments and sometimes under the exigencies of public service and other compelling reasons, training of all of them has not been possible. Nevertheless, the officials left out from training are trained in phases, with a view to ensuring that they complete their training at the earliest.

Repair of Lift irrigation pumps in Orissa

4712. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-functioning of thousands of Lift Irrigation Pumps are severely affecting the thousands of acres of land covered by it in Orissa;

(b) whether in view of State Government's precarious financial condition in tackling rehabilitation measures the Government of Orissa has submitted any proposals for financial assistance or Central Scheme for early repair of these pumps to save Rabi and Kharif crops; and

(c) the exact number of such LIPs which are in operational, district-wise and steps taken or proposed to be taken to get the non-functioning LIPs repaired by adequate Central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, the irrigation schemes including Lift irrigation pumps, are investigated, planned, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. The Central Government is not operating any scheme under which central assistance can be provided to State Governments for repairing Lift irrigation pumps.